

Fire Prevention Week and Fire Prevention Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the United States, the first Presidential proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge; and

WHEREAS, each year, during the month of October, Allegany County Fire Services takes this opportunity to remind the citizens of Allegany County of the devastating impact fire has on each of us; and

WHEREAS, during the year 2022, our Allegany County Fire Departments' volunteers responded to 139 structure fires, 334 motor vehicle accidents with injury, 43 vehicle fires, 107 outside fires, and 556 fire alarms. The total number of calls for service was 3,400 fire calls. These were answered by 1,154 dedicated volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Allegany County has 27 Fire Departments that respond to calls. The members of the Allegany County Volunteer Fire Departments are ready to respond to save lives and property to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, this year's Fire Prevention Month Theme from the National Fire Prevention Association is "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™"; and

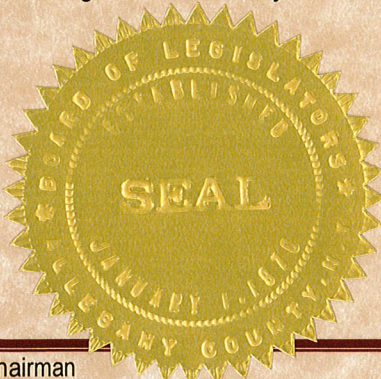
WHEREAS, this year's Fire Prevention Week is October 8 - October 14, and the month of October is Fire Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, individual fire departments may be holding open houses to offer their communities the chance to see and talk to the first responders of their district and experience hands on opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the members of the fire departments, fire investigators, deputy coordinators, and EMS providers engage in many hours of fire prevention through open houses, school demonstrations, and festivals to share the information with the public, to use the week of October 8 through October 14 to educate the community on cooking hazards, the dangers of unattended cooking, and precautions they can take to prevent cooking-related fires; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of the Fire Service providers by designating Fire Prevention Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I W. Brooke Harris, Chairman of the Allegany County Board of Legislators, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of October 8 through October 14 as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**, and the month of October as **FIRE PREVENTION MONTH** in Allegany County with the theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™." I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.




W. Brooke Harris, Chairman

Allegany County Board of Legislators

Signed at Belmont, New York,
this 11th day of October 2023.